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EARTH OF THE OLD YEAR

Twigs from Many Trees
BY REV. E. W. CASWELL

Deep lies the winter snow,
winter winds are weary sigh-

The church-bell sad and slow,
softly and speak low,

"Year lies a-dying,
you must not die;

"Year lies so ready,
us so steadily,

"Year lies shall not die,

"Year lies both not move;

"Year lies drawn of day,

"Year lies above,

"Year lies all true, true love,

"Year lies will take away,

"Year lies not go,

"Year lies deep within,

"Year lies have seen with us,

"Year lies shall not go,

"Year lies bumpto the bone,

"Year lies we shall not see,

"Year lies eyes are waxing dim,

"Year lies does speak ill of him,

"Year lies a friend to me.

"Year, you shall not die;

We did so laugh and cry with you,

I've half a mind to die with you,

Old Year, if you must die.

He was full of jokes and jest,

But all his merry quips are o'er.

To see him die, across the waste,

His son and heir both ride post-haste,

But he'll be dead before.

Every one for his own,

The night is starry and cold, my friend;

And the New Year, blithe and bold, my friend.

Comes up to take his own.

How hard he breathes! over the snow

I heard just now the crowing cock.

The doves flicker to and fro,

The cricket chirps; the light burns low.

"Year lies nearly twelve o'clock,

Shake hands, before you die,

Old Year, we'll dearly run for you,

What is it we can do for you?

Speak out before you die.

His face is growing sharp and thin,

Ack! I our friend is gone,

Close up his eye; tie up his chin;

Step from the corpse and let him in!

That standeth there alone,

And waiteth at the door.

There's a new foot on the floor, my friend,

And new face at the door, my friend.

A new face at the door.

FRIENDS & VISITORS

Personal Items About People You See and Know

THOSE THAT COME AND GO

Mrs. Julia Conn of Philadelphia, visiting Mrs. A. J. B. ...

Mr. and Mrs. John ...

Mr. and Mrs. ...

PRESIDENT'S VIEW OF NEW TREATY

Issues Statement Declaring
Differences Are Insignificant

BETTER TEAMWORK LIKELY

President Gives Out Formal Statement
On Situation—No Need
For Senate
Action.

Washington.—President Harding denied that irreconcilable differences had developed between him and his delegation to the Disarmament Conference, over an interpretation of the four-party treaty, pronouncing such differing construction as "unimportant."

At the same time he repudiated the idea entertained by an increasing number of Senators that the Americans are "withholding information" from the country regarding the treaty.

He did not go into details, but it was taken for granted that he referred to the charge that Secretary Hughes and Senator Lodge, in defining the purposes and bearing of the treaty at the recent plenary session of the Conference made no mention of the fact that this pact extends to the home and of Japan, a fact which came to light a week after the treaty was made public.

Also the President let it be known that he saw no necessity whatever for any reservation to the treaty providing against the use of the armed forces of this country without action on the part of Congress.

President Harding in a formal statement, regarding differences of interpretation which have arisen on the four-power Pacific treaty, said:

The President will offer no comment on the disputes which attempt to magnify the differing constructions on the four-party treaty. To him these are unimportant. The big things aimed at are understandings for peace and an agreement to meet and discuss the preservation of peace whenever it is threatened.

No alliance or entanglement is thought of—none will be negotiated. It would be better to rejoice over things accomplished than to dwell on differing views which can be of no great consequence.

Full Confidence in Delegates.

The President is unwilling that the unjustified charge that the United States delegates are withholding information shall go unchallenged. He had full confidence, else he had not chosen them, and he has full confidence now and is more than gratified over their efforts, because they are working out the greatest contribution to peace and good will which has ever marked the Christmas time in all the Christian era.

It is one thing to talk about the ideals of peace, but the biggest thing is to seek the actuality. This the Conference is doing in harmony with an overwhelming American sentiment and a world settlement, too, and in full accord with cherished American traditions.

Replies to the question: "Do you feel that the world has made great progress in the direction of peace and good will?" President Harding said:

Believes World Progressing.

I think I made some such reply to a similar question at the last interview. I do not say that with all my heart. I do not say that with the thought of arrogating to the United States of America any greater part of the contribution than that which has been made by other nations of like importance and like civilization. But it seems to me that in 1921, as we have come to know more fully the aftermath of the war; as we have come to appraise the unspeakable cost of it all, there is a new conviction in the hearts of men that that sort of appeal—the appeal to arms—to settle the international question is a futile thing, and that we are unworthy of our position, and unworthy of the blessings which fall to a righteous civilization. If we do not find some means for a righteous adjustment without appeal to slaughter and waste and all the distresses that attend. I think that conviction has rooted itself throughout the world, and there must come some helpful, progressive expression of it. I think that expression is being given at this Conference. I have no thoughts to preach on this subject today, but make your own applications, please.

Settle Wars in Advance.

When men sit about the Conference table and look each other in the face and look upon the problems deliberately, without passion they find the way to come to an agreement. And, after all, there has never been a conflict in the world that has not been settled in the end in that way. You have a war; you destroy thousands or millions of men and measureless treasure, and then you gather about a table and settle it. I have a feeling that mankind has become wise enough to sit down before the war and try to settle it. And that is the object of the four-party treaty. That is why I say the

MAN BLOWN TO BITS.

Three Houses Near Rouserville, Pa., Are Wrecked By Explosion.

Oil City, Pa.—Charles Kirkwood was blown to bits when 70 quarts of nitroglycerine he was hauling in a truck exploded a mile north of Rouserville, near here. Three houses, two of which were occupied, were wrecked, according to first word received from

HENRY WATTERSON JOURNALIST, DEAD

Had Gone to Jacksonville On
Account of Failing Health

KNOWN ALL OVER THE WORLD

Broke With President Wilson Over
League of Nations And Steadfastly
Opposed It—Once Studied

Washington.—Henry Watterson, the man who once studied the League of Nations and steadfastly opposed it, died yesterday morning at the age of 75. He was the son of W. L. Watterson, Jr., and his daughter, Mrs. William Miller, were at the bedside when the end came.

Watterson's renown as a journalist has been national since Civil War days. He was one of the last of the picturesque newspaper men of the old school and made famous by his editorials, in which his power of sarcasm and political invective were frequently used, and which were widely copied and carried great weight.

"Marse Henry," as he was familiarly known, was a native of the National Capital. He was born in Washington on February 16, 1846, hence would have been 82 years old his next birthday.

He studied music early in life, but an accident to one of his thumbs stopped his progress in that direction, and he began his writing career. The Civil War found him serving as a staff officer and chief of scouts in General Johnston's army. During part of the war period Watterson was a reporter and editorial writer on the Washington States; he also served during war time on the Democratic Review, the Chattanooga Rebel and the Republican Banner, of Nashville.

He was married in 1865 to Rebecca Ewing, of Nashville, Tenn. In 1868 he moved to Louisville, Ky., where, in association with W. N. Haldeman, he took charge of the combined Courier Journal and Democrat, issuing the paper thereafter under the name of Courier-Journal. He remained its editor until his death, though he sold this paper in 1918 to Judge Robert Benshaw, becoming thereafter the country's first "editor emeritus," and writing only as fancy and events impressed him.

He was once in Congress, having been elected in 1876 to fill an unexpired term. Serving from August, 1876, to March, 1877, Watterson declined to stand for re-election. He was temporary chairman of the Democratic National Convention in 1876, and was a delegate in 1880, 1884 and 1888.

Colonel Watterson was a vigorous supporter of the Allies in the World War. So scathing were his attacks on Germans that he was denounced in some quarters, but he stuck firmly to his guns. He penned the phrase that was used broadcast in the call to arms—"To Hell with the Hohenzollerns and the Hapsburgs."

A life-long Democrat, he broke with Woodrow Wilson, then President of the United States, during the fight on the League of Nations. He actively opposed ratification of the league covenant and refused to support Wilson calling him "the wrecker and ruiner of his party." His editorial attacks on the league were among his final contributions to the journalism of his day, and were his most forceful writings.

Watterson was the author of a number of books, including a history of the Spanish-American War, and some volumes of essays and lectures.

RUSSIAN RELIEF BILL PASSES

Measure Will Now Go to President
For His Signature.

Washington.—Final legislative action on the bill appropriating \$20,000,000 for the relief of Russia's starving connection with the \$1,000,000 Toledo postal robbery last February, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to serve 67 years in the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan., by Federal Judge Killits.

REDS ARE ON THE MOVE.

Goldman And Berkman Go From Riga
To Stockholm.

Riga, Latvia.—Emma Goldman and Alexander Berkman, the deportees from America who came here from Moscow recently, left Riga for Reval, Estonia. Berkman told the correspondents they were going to Stockholm.

AGENT CHARGED WITH MURDER.

Austin, Texas.—Federal Prohibition Enforcement Agent Bassett H. Wiles, Chief of Detectives E. L. Young, Patrolman J. L. McNeil and W. F. Mayberry, former Texas ranger, were charged with murder in complaints filed by Police Sergeant Ed. R. Nitshke in connection with the killing a week ago of Peeler Clayton, taxicab driver.

"WETS" LOSE IN COURT.

Albion Holds Prohibition Measure to Void.

Washington.—The higher court affirmed a decision by the District of Columbia Superior Court, in dismissing a petition of Robert A. Laumann of New York, who had attacked the validity of the

"REDS" PLAN CAPTURING U.S.

Chairman Substitutes
Pin For Billy as Gav

COMRADE DUNN PRE

Says Russian Soviet Regime Was
Succinct And Communism Spread
Over World—Explains
Failure To Raise

New York.—"Steve" Dunn, a New Jersey, delegate to the convention called for the organization of the Workers' Party of America, sided with a policeman in today's may session of the Monday with a broad gavel.

A preliminary rap against the convention proceeded with the reading a constitution for an organization dedicated to the overthrow of the present government and the creation of a workers' republic.

There followed an address by "Comrade" Bill Dunn, of Montana, a former I. W. W. leader, who predicted the ultimate success of the Russian revolution and the spread of Communism throughout the world. He added that it was "becoming fashionable to believe that some sort of capitalism is springing up in Russia."

"We are meeting here in security, or at least in fancied security," he continued, "and up to the present none of the forces of capitalism, either through the Government or otherwise, has interfered with us. As a matter of fact, no radical body has been raised within the last two years, and some of us seem to think that the hysteria of the war has died down. But is that true?"

He then declared that the reason there were no raids was that the radical element had "banded together and fought back."

Citing the incident at Centralia, Wash., he said: "Bloodshed is always deplorable. It is a terrible thing for men and women to have to die when life is sweet. But it is always better to die fighting than it is to be kicked to death."

Wild applause followed.

The preamble to the party's declaration of principles, finally adopted before adjournment was taken sine die, denounced the "capitalist class" declared the party favored the "Russian proletarian dictatorship," and affirmed that the Russian Soviet Government was firmer today than ever.

Continuing, it declared that the United States has acquired its insular possessions by "boot and plunder," and called for freeing all such lands and withdrawal of troops from Haiti.

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CLAIMS MILLIONS LOST TO U. S.

American Valuation Association

Blames Present Tariff Law.

Washington.—A claim was made

here by the American Valuation Asso-

ciation that a loss of \$100,000,000 to

the nation per year is suffered in the

revenues of the Treasury Department

because of the present foreign valua-

tion clause of the Tariff law. The Val-

uation Association insists that its data

on imports reveals such serious losses

that Leslie M. Shaw, a former Secre-

tary of the Treasury, bears out its

claims against the unproductiveness

of foreign valuation. The association

asserts that the money annually lost

to the Treasury is going to foreign

manufacturers and importers and

serves to stimulate the volume of low-

cost commodities and products com-

ing into the United States. It is argued

that the American Valuation law pro-

posed in Congress is in the interest of

the American market during the

period of readjustment and reconstruc-

tion.

PRESIDENT HAS QUIET DAY.

Spends Christmas Alone With Mrs.
Harding And Has No Callers.

Washington.—Christmas Day was

celebrated quietly at the White House,

President and Mrs. Harding devoting

it to each other, without receiving

guests. They attended morning ser-

vices at Calvary Baptist Church, had

luncheon together and dined alone in

the evening. How bountiful Santa

Claus was to the President on his

first Christmas in the White House

will probably remain a mystery.

Officials at the Executive Mansion had

no idea of what Mr. Harding had

given or received, and the President

made no announcement.

It was accepted in the absence of

Senator Watson (Democrat), Georgia,

who served notice that he

would block action on it at least until

after Christmas. Only about 20 Sen-

ators were in the chamber and no dis-

senting voice was heard when the pre-

siding officer called for the vote.

I talk. Me very good friend master." "I am your sweet-scented soul," said the commodore. "What won't missionaries do next? Out of this if this nigger ain't civilized!" He leaped into the canoe and it shot off, and its brown crew came sailing over the rail of the Maggie.

Gibney met the spokesman at the bow and they rubbed noses very

after the manner of salutation.

Kandava. Captain Scraggs

backward, full of importance.

"Me, me, Gib," he said amiably.

While Mr. Gibney favored

a sour glance, Captain

tuck out his hand and shook

it with the native.

"To make your acquaintance,

"Scraggs is my name, sir,"

said Scraggs, who had heard

of Gibney's chief.

"Hope you left all the folks

well. What'd you say your

name was?"

"I didn't say his name,"

but he grinned now and

then said, "It was Tabu-Tabu."

"Tabu-Tabu," muttered McGuffey,

and drew the color line,

but he did not say that. But you

know, it's taboo around this

part of the world. The best check that was

possible, pendin' our

captain's arrival. Hand it over,

"I'll hit you a

few more, but I'll hurt all your

friends hereafter, Scraggs,

his bigger friends to your

side. Tabu-Tabu effusive over this

was the first time he'd

done this. He had hands with a colored

chap's a d-d ugly cus-

tom, and you take my word for it."

Scraggs, standing by the rail, and tossed his war club down

into the canoe.

"Me good missionary boy," he said.

rather humbly.

"McGuffey, my dear boy," protested

Captain Scraggs, "don't be so doggone

naive. You might hurt this poor lad's

feelings. Of course he's only a simple

native, but even a dawg has

feelings. You—"

"A-r-r-h!" snarled McGuffey.

"You two be talkin' and snappin'

at each other," commanded Mr. Gibney,

"an' leave all bargainin' to me.

This boy is all right and we'll get

along first rate if you two just haul

ship and do somethin' useful besides

buttin' in on your superior officer.

Come along, Tabu-Tabu. Makee little

eat down in cabin. You talkie captain."

"Gib, my dear boy," sputtered Cap-

tain Scraggs, bursting with curiosity,

following the commodore's reappearance

on deck, "whatever's in the

wind?"

"Money—fortune," said Mr. Gibney,

solemnly.

McGuffey edged up and eyed the

commodore seriously. "Sure there

ain't a little fightin' mixed up in it?" he asked.

"Not a bit of it," replied Mr. Gibney.

"You're as safe on Kandava as if you

was in church. This Tabu kid is sort

of prime minister to the king, with a

heap of influence at court. The crew

of a British cruiser stole him for a

galley police when he was a kid, and he got civilized and learned to talk English. He was a cannibal in them

days, but the chaplain aboard showed

him how foolish it was to do such

things, and finally Tabu-Tabu got

religion and asked as a special favor to

be allowed to return to Kandava to

civilize his people. As a result of

Tabu-Tabu's efforts he tells me the

king has concluded that when he eats

a white man he's flyin' in the face of

his own interests, and most generally

he's been a barbecue on Kandava for ten years."

It's a capital crime to eat a man now, and punishable

by boilin' the offender alive in palm oil."

"Well," rumbled McGuffey, "this

Tabu-Tabu don't look much like a

preacher, if you ask me. But how about this black coral?"

"Oh, I've ribbed up a deal with

him," said Mr. Gibney. "He'll see

that we get all the trade we can lug

away. We're the first vessel that's

touched here in two years, and they

have a thunderin' lot of stuff on hand.

Tabu-Tabu goes ashore to talk the king

into doin' business with us. If he

consents, we'll have him and Tabu-

Tabu and three or four of the sub-

chiefs aboard for dinner, or else he'll

invite us ashore for a big feed, and

we'll have to go."

"Supposin' the king don't care to

have any truck with us?" inquired McGuffey, anxiously.

"In that case, Mac," replied the

commodore with a smile, "we'll just

naturally shell him out of house and home."

"Well, then," said McGuffey, "let's

get the guns ready. Somethin' tells

me these people ain't to be trusted,

and I'm tellin' you right now, Gib, I

won't sleep well tonight unless them

two quarter gatlings and the Maxim

Vickers rapid-fire guns is mounted and ready for business."

"All right, Mac," replied Mr. Gibney,

in the tone one uses when humor-

ing a baby. "See 'em up if it'll make

you feel more cheerful. Still, I don't

see why you want to go actin' so fool-

ish over nothin'."

"Well, Gib," replied the engineer, "I'm

mighty crazy, but I ain't no fool, ar-

if there's a dead whale around this

ship, I can come pretty near smellin' it."

I tell you, Gib, that Tabu-Tabu

nigger had a look in his eye for all

the world like a cut dog lickin' a bone,

I ain't takin' no chances. My old man

told me to say: 'Bart, whatever you do,

alllers have an anchor out to wind-

ward!'

"By the left hind leg of the Great

Sacred Bull," snapped Captain Scraggs,

"if you ain't enough to precipitate

war!"

"War," replied McGuffey, "is my

long suit—particularly war with native

tribes. I just naturally crave to

push the ear of anything older than

than a Portuguese Remington."

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POTASH "MADE IN AMERICA"

ONE of the publicity agents for the importers of foreign potash pictures the effect of a duty on potash as "creating a desert of American farm land." His deep solicitude for the American farmer is touching, indeed. But the American farmer has good sense enough to know that the publicity agent is being paid by foreign potash producers and that his real interests are foreign and not American.

It is possible, and probable, but by no means certain, that American farmers can get their potash cheaper from foreign countries under free trade than from American potash producers under protection. One thing absolutely certain is that the potash importers will charge the American farmer all they can for fertilizers. The importers are not philanthropists, by any means. They make their price just as low as they are compelled to make it, and no lower. They go just under the price the American producer of potash must charge, and they do that only so long as necessary to put the American producer out of business. When they have the American industry ruined, they put their prices up again.

The probabilities are that the best interest of the American farmer will be promoted by the establishment of a strong American potash industry which will form a competition with the importers. However that may be, this country cannot operate its industries successfully on a free trade policy, and if we are to have protection for American farm products, American fruits, nuts, livestock, cotton, and manufactured goods, it is unfair to deny reasonable protection to our potash industry. If we are to destroy the potash industry and buy fertilizers abroad, why not close up all our other industries and buy all products abroad, where we can buy them cheaper than at home. Live and let live, is the true protectionist principle.

FOOLS AND THEIR MONEY

PEOPLE of Western Pennsylvania having exchanged \$100,000,000 worth of Liberty Bonds for stocks that are alleged to be practically worthless, a movement has been started to check this sort of investment by educating people to the policy expressed by the phrase "See your banker first." There probably is not much hope of success, for the man or woman who is such an "easy mark" as to exchange Liberty Bonds for unknown securities is probably too dense to absorb the idea of taking good counsel before acting. It should be obvious to a mere child that if an agent for "United Airless" wants to exchange his stock for Liberty Bonds, he must consider the bonds of greater value, and if they are of greater value to the agent or his company, then they must be of greater value to the prospective victim. That is such a simple proposition that the man or woman who can't or won't see it is past hope of protection from a banker. Still, the campaign may open the eyes of a few, and, if so, it is worth while.

UNDER modern business methods the use of banks is as general that there are few chances of disturbances. It is estimated that in the early part of December \$150,000,000 was withdrawn from banks where it had been deposited as Christmas Savings funds. As a matter of fact, the money was scarcely out of the banks at all. One depositor after another withdrew his savings, spent it for goods, and the store keeper immediately deposited the money in the bank to his own credit. The cash was not out of the bank, in most instances, over 48 hours.

ONE of the first acts of a successful revolutionist is to guard himself against revolutionists. The Soviet Government of Russia wants no revolution subsequent to its own, hence it has no kindly feeling toward the anarchists who were deported from the United States. Those perpetual troublemakers have no home, no trusting friends, no country.

NOTICE—DIVIDEND!

THE PEOPLES NATIONAL BANK
OF MIDDLETOWN
Middletown, Del., Dec. 27th, 1921.

The Board of Directors have this day decided a dividend of THREE and ONE-HALF (3½) PER CENT for the last six months, free of taxes, payable and after January 1, 1922.

W. E. BETTS, Cashier.

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"I'll walk home with you, Dick," said Frank Fayles to his friend Richard Talbot, and started away with him from Miss Landis' door. At the corner of the block he stopped and wrung his friend's hand violently.

"I congratulate you, old man," he said warmly. "I think your fiancee is one of the finest girls I've ever met—and just suited to you, too, and I bet your married life will be one long dream of paradise."

Talbot did not reply, and his friend, mortified by his coldness, accompanied him in silence. Talbot was talking bitterly of his folly—his absolute folly. It was too late to withdraw with honor now. The wedding was only one month away. And during the past two weeks he had come to realize that he had made the mistake of his life.

He had thought Elsie Landis all that could be desired in any woman until—until he had met Edith Spinner. Honor forbade him to speak; but the pressure of their hands when they met must have betrayed them to each other. They had met three times only—and he was head over heels in love with Edith.

He thought over his future that night. He could not withdraw.

He rose up after a sleepless night, resolved to give Elsie the chance to reconsider. It was not until eight o'clock that evening that he found himself in Elsie's presence.

"That greeting was commonplace though: The handshake, the kiss, and even that seemed perfunctory. Talbot sat down.

"Richard," said his fiancee, looking at him curiously, "do you know you have been acting in a very odd manner lately?"

"How is that?" he stammered.

"You haven't seemed to love me as much as you used to," she stammered. "I have been thinking—O, Richard, don't you care for me?"

A moment later and she was on her knees at his side, her arms around him, weeping.

"Elise!" exclaimed Richard, miserably, "I—I love you—"

"You won't love me when I have told you something," she sobbed.

"Tell me and see," said he. He could think of nothing better to say.

"I have been untrue to you," she sobbed. "I don't mean that I've kissed anybody else. No, but—O Richard, you are so simple and noble, you would never understand. Well, I—had been wondering whether our marriage was going to be happy. It had begun to seem so ordinary, our love. And then I met a man—just two weeks ago. He fascinated me and—I loved him more than you, dearest."

Richard sat up very straight. This was a turning of the tables with a vengeance.

"We never told each other," she went on, weeping bitterly. "I felt that we ought not to be married until you knew—and I didn't dare to tell you until today."

"Why today?" inquired Richard kindly.

"Because he is married now," sobbed Elsie. "He got married yesterday. And he had been engaged to her for a whole year—just think of that! He had just been flirting with me and I—feeling me. And then a sudden revelation came over me and I knew that it was you I had loved all the time. Richard, can you ever forgive me shall I give you back your ring?"

"Who was the man?" inquired Richard, conscious of an odd sense of helpless jealousy.

"Nobody you know, Richard," she answered. "So it wouldn't do you any good to tell you his name. But I'll tell you whom he married. I believe you met her once. It was a Miss Spinner."

"Edith Spinner!" he shouted.

"Yes, Richard. She is said to be a dreadfully flirt. Why, what is the matter?"

"Come here, Elsie," said Richard. "Do you know I have been fancying myself in love with Edith?"

"You, Richard? Since we were engaged! Why, how dared you?"

"How dared you?" he retorted.

"I didn't!" she cried. "It was purely imagination. I just feared that we mightn't be quite suited to each other and—"

"That's what I did."

"You never kissed her, Dick!"

"Never!" he said, looking her in the eyes, and then suddenly he drew her upon his knee and kissed her.

"Elsie, darling, shall we start over again?"

"Yes, Richard," she answered, raising her lips to his. "But—you're quite sure that you never kissed her, Dick?"

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